

**DECLARATION**

As a below named inventor, I HEREBY DECLARE:

THAT my residence, post office address, and citizenship are as stated below next to my name;

THAT I believe I am the original, first, and sole inventor (if only one inventor is named below) or an original, first, and joint inventor (if plural inventors are named below or in an attached Declaration) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled

**AIR CONDITIONING SYSTEM FOR A VEHICLE AND ASSOCIATED OPERATING METHOD**

---

(Attorney Docket No. 016906-0399)

---

the specification of which (check one)

\_\_\_ is attached hereto.

X was filed on October 31, 2003 as United States Application Number or PCT International Application Number PCT/EP2003/012139 and was amended on \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable).

THAT I do not know and do not believe that the same invention was ever known or used by others in the United States of America, or was patented or described in any printed publication in any country, before I (we) invented it;

THAT I do not know and do not believe that the same invention was patented or described in any printed publication in any country, or in public use or on sale in the United States of America, for more than one year prior to the filing date of this United States application;

THAT I do not know and do not believe that the same invention was first patented or made the subject of an inventor's certificate that issued in any country foreign to the United States of America before the filing date of this United States application if the foreign application was filed by me (us), or by my (our) legal representatives or assigns, more than twelve months (six months for design patents) prior to the filing date of this United States application;

THAT I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claim(s), as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above;

THAT I believe that the above-identified specification contains a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the invention, and sets forth the best mode contemplated by me of carrying out the invention; and

THAT I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office all information known to me to be material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56.

I HEREBY CLAIM foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code §119(a)-(d) or § 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate; or §365(a) of any PCT international application which designated at least one country other than the United States of America, listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate or of any PCT international application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

Prior Foreign Application Number	Country	Foreign Filing Date	Priority Claimed?	Certified Copy Attached?
102 60 933.0	Federal Republic of Germany	December 20, 2002	Yes	

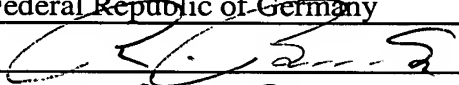
I HEREBY CLAIM the benefit under Title 35, United States Code § 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below.

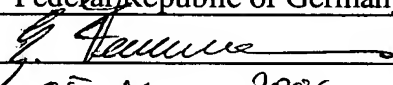
U.S. Provisional Application Number	Filing Date

I HEREBY CLAIM the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §120 of any United States application(s), or § 365(c) of any PCT international application designating the United States of America, listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States or PCT International application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, § 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application.

U.S. Parent Application Number	PCT Parent Application Number	Parent Filing Date	Parent Patent Number

I FURTHER DECLARE THAT all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true, and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

Name of first inventor                      Roland BURK  
Residence                                      Stuttgart, Federal Republic of Germany  
Citizenship                                      Federal Republic of Germany  
Post Office Address                          Bubenhaldenstrasse 86  
70469 Stuttgart  
Federal Republic of Germany  
Inventor's signature                            
Date    05-May-06

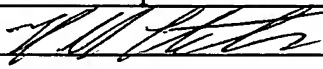
Name of second inventor                      Günther FEUERRECKER  
Residence                                      Stuttgart, Federal Republic of Germany  
Citizenship                                      Federal Republic of Germany  
Post Office Address                          Winterlinger Weg 8  
70567 Stuttgart  
Federal Republic of Germany  
Inventor's signature                            
Date    05-May-2006

Name of third inventor	Andreas KEMLE
Residence	Bietigheim-Bissingen, Federal Republic of Germany
Citizenship	Federal Republic of Germany
Post Office Address	Bolzstrasse 2 Edmund-Maibart-Straße 74321 Bietigheim-Bissingen Federal Republic of Germany
Inventor's signature	<i>A. Kemle</i>
Date	2006-05-15

Name of fourth inventor	Hans-Joachim KRAUSS
Residence	Stuttgart, Federal Republic of Germany
Citizenship	Federal Republic of Germany
Post Office Address	Balinger Strasse 22 70567 Stuttgart Federal Republic of Germany
Inventor's signature	<i>Hans-Joachim Krauss</i>
Date	05-May-2006

Name of fifth inventor	Ottokar KUNBERGER
Residence	Korntal-Münchingen, Federal Republic of Germany
Citizenship	Federal Republic of Germany
Post Office Address	Lerchenstrasse 46 70825 Korntal-Münchingen Federal Republic of Germany
Inventor's signature	<i>O. Kunberger</i>
Date	2006-05-15

Name of sixth inventor	Thomas STRAUSS
Residence	Notzingen, Federal Republic of Germany
Citizenship	Federal Republic of Germany
Post Office Address	<i>Neuffen</i> Neuffenstrasse 37 73274 Notzingen Federal Republic of Germany
Inventor's signature	<i>Thomas Strauss</i>
Date	2006-05-15

Name of seventh inventor	Hans-Martin STUCK
Residence	Kraichtal, Federal Republic of Germany
Citizenship	Federal Republic of Germany
Post Office Address	<del>Obere Torstrasse 3</del> Gerhart-Hauptmann-Str. 14 76703 Kraichtal Federal Republic of Germany
Inventor's signature	
Date	15-May-2006